

WASHINGTON LETTER

Three Very Important Measures Considered—The Pacific Rail-

A MOST GIGANTIC STRIKE

Adjournment in Sight—The Armor Plate Frauds Exposed—The Postal Savings Banks Bill—Tillman and The South Carolina Dispensary—The Work of The Turin Conference Committee—The Flig-

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—While the tariff bill has been in Congress the Senate has been dealing with some important matters. First the Deficiency Appropriation bill was taken up. This bill contained

ton for 8,000 steel armor plate for the three battle ships now being constructed. The committee on naval affairs by a majority vote recommend that the government pay this enormous price on the ground that the Carnegie and other armor

When the matter came up in the senate, an amendment was offered by Senator Butler to reduce the price to \$300 a ton, and to instruct

steps to build a government armor plate factory, if these firms would not furnish it for that price. He shows that all the armor plate companies of America and Europe were in a trust, that it cost only about \$225 a ton to furnish the armor, and

75 a ton at \$300. He showed that we paid \$425 a ton that it would be a gift of \$1,500,000 to this trust, and that the government could build its own factory for that amount. Besides, he showed that a great deal of the armor furnished in the past

Therefore, our warships were liable to be sunk by the first shot from the enemy. He said that the government should make its own armor to guarantee that our warships were first-class. Senators Teller, Tillman and others supported the

The next important matter taken up was the Pacific Railroad resolution of Senator Hanna of Kansas.

It is well known the government furnished to a company every dollar of the money used in building the Union Pacific Railroad, and then took a mortgage on the road for the amount. Later, this railroad company managed to lobby through Congress a bill allowing the com-

ny to borrow money on the road, and making the government's mortgage a second mortgage. The government's mortgage is now due, and the road has never paid one cent of principal or interest due, though the government and all the manipulators of the road have made themselves

The amount of the first mortgage on the road is, in round numbers, \$3,000,000; the amount of the government's second mortgage is \$53,000,000. Now the President has a contract with certain capital-

to sell the government's interest in the road for \$28,000,000, which is a loss to the government of over \$25,000,000. This deal is now being negotiated in spite of the fact that the road is worth more than twice the amount of the indebtedness of the road, including first and second

mortgage. Would any sane man
sle down and take half of his
ortgage on a piece of property,
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an all the incumbrances on it ?
ertainly not ! This is not the worst of
The Union Pacific and the Central
ific Railroads make a through

from the Mississippi River to the Pacific ocean. The government had a mortgage on the Central Pacific for \$57,000,000. Now, if the Union Pacific is sold separately, then the Central Pacific will be at the mercy of the speculators, and the government will consequently lose

It is the most gigantic swindle ever attempted. The purpose of the Harris resolution is to prevent this property from being sacrificed. It is a bitter fight. The railroad lobby is in a rage. Senator Harris will

The Republican members of the Senate and House conference committees on the tariff reached an

na. The Democratic members of these committees were called in today. It is probable that the tariff bill will be reported back to the House and Senate before THE UGASIAN goes to press, and it is possible that Congress may ad-

The most important changes made at the conference are as follows: Practically the House rate on sugar is reduced in place of Senate rate; cotton bagging and cotton ties are taken back on dutiable list; white pine

There will be a fight in the Senate over some of these changes.

and it has been carefully prepared. He has secured copies of laws and all the information possible about the workings of this system in foreign countries. He has published a document containing much valuable information on this subject. Those interested should

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